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Al Zaman comments on Mr Ambassador's  
 interview with Al Misri.

Al Zaman, the non-party evening daily, publishes a short comment on Mr Ambassador's interview with Al Misri under a headline which reads: "He was silent for a long time". This phrase is the first verse of an Egyptian saying which rhymes and which, when translated into English, reads: "He was silent for a long time and then spoke blasphemy".

The article itself reads as follows: "When the new American Ambassador arrived in Egypt he refused to make statements of political nature to newspaper reporters saying that he was no diplomat.

"His statements then caused surprise because if politics are not the subject of discussion by a representative of a foreign country, then what is he supposed to talk about?

"But the Ambassador was silent for a long time and then said things yesterday similar to the things which his chief Truman is in the habit of saying. He said that Arab approval of partition would be beneficial for them.

"The Ambassador would have been well advised not to talk politics and interest himself instead in the affairs of the Cinema as perhaps this subject is the only one which suits his temperament and the temperament of his listeners, too".

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 Al Zaman doubts if U.N.O. will  
 live another year.

Al Zaman comments on the 3rd anniversary of the U.N.O. by saying that it proved to be not only a useless organisation but also a dangerous one. The big nations are using it for their own ends and it is unlikely that this organisation which was founded on deceit and bad faith could survive another year, says the daily.

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The Egyptians claim isolation  
of Jews at Négov.

The Arabic press gives special prominence to the story that the Egyptian army has isolated the Jewish forces at Négov. Publicity is also given to Jewish violation of the truce.

Al Ahram's Paris correspondent quotes the Arab delegates at the United Nations as saying that the Security Council's postponement of the Palestinian question is in the Arabs' favour.

Khashaba Pasha on Anglo-Egyptian  
negotiations and formation of Eastern bloc.

Khashaba Pasha, Egypt's Minister for Foreign Affairs told Al Ahram's Paris correspondent that he had not talked with Mr. Devin about the resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for treaty negotiations and that he had been approached by some foreign representatives in Egypt about the formation of an Eastern bloc which would include Egypt but he rejected the proposition.

Al Ahram then goes on to say that the Paris issue of the New York Herald has published a story to the effect an Eastern bloc was in the course of formation but Khashaba Pasha issued an official communiqué immediately, denying the story.

A new Marshall plan to combat  
communism?

Al Misri's Paris correspondent alleges that Secretary Marshall has submitted to the Foreign Ministers of Western Europe an eight-clause project which advocates the conclusion of an official military alliance between the U.S.A. and the Western European nations and a return to the lend-lease system.

The correspondent quotes an Arab delegate to the U.N. as saying that the new project is "an illegitimate child of the original Marshall plan". A delegate of a Western European nation is also quoted as saying that some countries of Western Europe may not entertain the new project seeing that Mr Marshall is no longer qualified to recommend such a project because Mr Truman's defeat at the coming Presidential elections is more or less a certainty.

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General De Gaulle planned to form  
an independent French government in North Africa?

Al Misri's London Correspondent alleges that General De Gaulle has planned to form an independent French government in North Africa if the internal situation in France becomes critical.

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Canada buys Egyptian cotton

Al Misri reports that Canada has bought \$1,100,000 worth of Egyptian cotton and \$ 300,000 worth of Egyptian onions during the first six months of the year 1948.

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The Palestinian situation.  
Acting Foreign Minister denies that  
Egyptian forces have been isolated.

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Ibrahim Dissouki Abaza Pasha made a statement to the press yesterday October 24th to the effect that, contrary to Jewish claims, no Egyptian forces had been isolated in Southern Palestine and that the Egyptian army had not retreated. The Minister, however, omitted to confirm reports published in the Arabic press of October 24th. that the Egyptians had succeeded in isolating the Jewish forces at Negov.

Civil airmen conscripted.

Al Kutla reports that Nokrashi Pasha, in his capacity as Military Governor General, has issued a proclamation authorising the Defence Minister to conscript all Egyptian civil airmen who hold the flying certificates A and B., for service in the R.E.A.F.

Nokrashi Pasha goes to Amman.

The Arabic press reports that Prime Minister Nokrashi went to Amman on Saturday morning October 23rd at the invitation of King Abdullah to discuss with His Majesty the Palestinian situation especially the latest Jewish violation of the truce and the attack on Egyptian held positions. The Pasha was accompanied by Mohamed Abdul Monem, chief of the political section at the Arab League.

Present at the conference were King Abdullah, Nokrashi Pasha, Regent Abdulilah of Iraq, the Iraqi Defence Minister, Syrian Prime Minister Jamil Mardam Bey, and Muhsin Al Barazi Bey.

Nokrashi Pasha has returned to Cairo yesterday afternoon October 24th and told reporters that complete agreement was reached at the Amman conference. The conference continues, says Al Misri which adds that the Commanding Officers of the Iraqi and Syrian armies as well as the Saudi Minister in Amman are attending to-day's meeting.

Travel visas among Arab countries  
will be abolished.

Al Ahram's Beirut correspondent reports that Lebanese Foreign Minister Hamed Faranjiya has attended a meeting of the Foreign Committee of the Lebanese House of Deputies and told the Committee members that the Arab League Council would discuss at its coming meeting the question of abolishing travel visas among the Arab countries. Visitors will be issued with special identity cards instead, said Faranjiya.

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Egypt wants Arabic language taught  
in Ethiopia.

Al Ahram reports that Khashaba Pasha has suggested to the Ethiopian delegates at the United Nations that Arabic

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language should be taught in Ethiopian schools so that relations between Ethiopia and Egypt might be consolidated.

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America disapproves of the formation of an Eastern bloc, says Al Ahram.

Al Ahram's Istanbul correspondent says that America disapproves of the formation of a Middle East bloc and that she brought pressure to bear on Turkey to make her dissociate herself of such a scheme.

The correspondent alleges that America's attitude towards this scheme is influenced by Jewish pressure as the Jews are afraid lest such a bloc may adopt a hostile policy towards them at the United Nations.

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Al Ikhwan against U.N. anniversary celebrations.

Under the headline: "A frank word", Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun, mouthpiece of the Moslem Brotherhood society, writes: "The Arab and Islamic nations which oppose imperialism and are struggling for freedom and independence, cannot under any circumstance take part in the United Nations anniversary celebrations.

"The Arab and Islamic nations have been treated unfairly by the U.N. which has no respect for justice, truth, and equality. Its decisions are certainly not based on its charter which is the result of the sweat, blood, and tears of the small nations of the world. We hope that a new era of freedom, justice, and peace may be enjoyed by the world."